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Durenbergerian slip

During his tenure as chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, Sen. Dave Durenberger, Minnesota Republican, has earned a reputation for his controversial statements about the U.S. intelligence community and his public feuding with CIA Director William Casey. Yesterday at the National Press Club, Mr. Durenberger said the committee, now in its 10th year, has succeeded in creating a better understanding of U.S. intelligence by recycling its 15 members, who can sit on the panel for as long as eight years. "The more people we turn back out into the process who were members of the committee, the better the Senate becomes," he said. "The more new people we bring into the [oversight] process, the more inquisition" at which point he quickly corrected himself, "the more inquisitiveness, eh, you get into the process."